

Docket No.: 50432-234

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Minh Van NGO : Confirmation Number:
Serial No.: 10/079,517 : Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: February 22, 2002 : Examiner: George P. Wyazomeirski
For: METHOD OF FORMING NITRIDE CAPPED CU LINES WITH IMPROVED
ADHESION AND REDUCED ELECTROMIGRATION ALONG THE CU/NITRIDE
INTERFACE

RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Mail Stop Non-Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

On November 24, 2003 Examiner Wyazomeirski telephoned advising that he was prepared to allow the application, but requested a new Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 with the language "the redacted date was prior to June 5, 2001" included in paragraph 3, penultimate sentence, of the previously submitted Declaration accompanying the Amendment submitted November 7, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a new Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 including the language requested by the Examiner. Accordingly, for reasons expressed in the Amendment submitted November 7, 2003, all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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